DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.

Commemoration of the 77th Anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

On Saturday, September 23, 1939, a lawn party was held on the grounds of the Forbes Estate in Milton, where is a replica of the log cabin in which President Lincoln was born, with a priceless collection of Lincolniana. The affair was not only a commemoration of the anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued after the Battle of Antietam, but a general "get-together" in preparation for the work of the fall and winter. The program is described in the attached newspaper clipping from the "Quincy Patriot-Ledger" of September 25.

Civil War Groups Entertained by Miss Forbes at Lincoln Cabin

Under clear skies and with summery weather, several hundred members of the state department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were the guests of Miss Mary Bowditch Forbes at her estate on Milton Hill Saturday afternoon.

The affair was a garden party whose central motif was the observance of the 77th anniversary of the promulgation of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln.

Historical Play Given

A stage was erected at the end and a little to the right of Miss Forbes "Lincoln Cabin," a replica of the structure in which the martyred President was born, and upon it was presented by members of the Sons of Veterans the play "Nor Long Remember," whose author is the former governor of New Jersey, Harold G. Hoffman.

The play tells of the immediate public and press reactions to the Gettysburg speech, which were largely of a condemnatory nature.

A group of men are seated in a general store enjoying hugely the derision of the newspapers and indulging in yokel laughter and jokes at what they consider Lincoln's failure. But one paper says, "The dedicatory remarks of President Lincoln will live forever in the annals of men." The light fades out of the store and comes up on Lincoln speaking at Gettysburg.

Albert G. Wolff, descendant of those who were freed by the famous Emancipation Proclamation, was cast in the role of Lincoln, and spoke the famous Gettysburg speech.

Cabin Is Opened

Mr. Wolff, son of a former Massachusetts department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a well known Boston attorney and a member of the department council of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War of Massachusetts.

Assisting him in the cast were past Commander in Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner of the Sons of Veterans, James E. Cheney, commander of Camp No. 9 of Boston; Cecil Cheney, department organizer of the Sons of Veterans; George H. Hill of Melrose, Herbert S. Marshall and Ernest E. Leavitt of Col. Oliver S. Peabody camp of Milton.

Col. Fred G. Bauer, department commander of Massachusetts of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and a resident of Weymouth, was master of ceremonies.

Among the special guests of honor at the party were three veterans of the Civil War, Department Commander Charles A. Miles of Stoughton, Assistant Adjutant George W. Green of Jamaica Plain and James A. Mitchell of Timothy Ingraham camp of Hyde Park and a resident of Wollaston.

Miss Forbes opened the "Lincoln Cabin" for inspection by the guests and showed her exhibits of Lincolnia. A buffet luncheon was also served. Bullman's military band furnished incidental music during the play and also gave a concert of patriotic numbers both before and after the presentation of the play.

Americanization Lectures.

At the request of the School Department of the City of Chelsea (in which city there is probably a larger percentage of foreign born people than in any other municipality of the Commonwealth), the local Camp (Theodore Winthrop Camp, No. 81) undertook to provide lecturers to address the Americanization classes in the Evening High School. These classes are composed of people who are studying the Constitution and History of the United States in order to prepare themselves for the examination for naturalization. Our lecturers spoke on the effect the Civil War had on the Constitution and history of our country. A fuller description will be found under Camp 81. The Department cooperated and furnished the lecturers for the Camp. The series was so successful that other neighboring cities with a large foreign born population have taken the matter up with a view to asking for a similar series of lectures next year.

Formation of Chorus and Dramatic Team.

In order to raise the tone of our own meetings and attract outsiders, a chorus and dramatic team have been formed and both have given public appearances during the year. The chorus renders appropriate music at class initiations, public ceremonies and other proper occasions. The women's voices are furnished by members of our Auxiliary. Beside rendering the ordinary Civil War and Patriotic songs, the Chorus has rendered such music as the following:

"No Shadows Yonder", from "The Holy City",..... A. R. Gaul.

"Non Nobis, Domine", from the music to "King Henry VIII"
Edward German.

"Land of Hope and Glory" .....Sir Edward Elgar.

"American Army Hymn" Andrews.

"Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore", as arranged for the National Peace Jubilee in Boston in 1869 ..... G. Verdi.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

To vote for Name mark an (X) in the Space to the LEFT of the Name

COMMANDER

X Lewis E. Garney

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

X Joseph R. Gauthier

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

X Kenneth H. Oakley

SECRETARY

TREASURER

COUNCIL
(Vote for Three)

1. Eugene E. Russell X
2. Frank J. Tucker X
3. Ray Hutchinson X

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Vote for One)

5 years Ralph E. Laffoley

2 years David Bernner X
2 years Leslie E. Covey

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Ken Oakley

The Foregoing is the Correct and Official Ballot

WILLIAM W HASKELL
Department Secretary

The Dramatic Team has performed "Nor Long Remember", a play centering about Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (See preceding page and also under Camp 81), and on the 75th anniversary of Appomattox performed a dramatization of the events of that day. (See under 75th Anniversary of Appomattox.) The dramatization was prepared specially for the occasion by an officer of the Department .

Entertainment of Commander-in-Chief Ralph H. Barrett.

On February 7, 1940, the occasion of the visit of Commander-in-Chief Barrett to Boston, members of the Department arranged for an official luncheon by His Honor the Mayor of Boston, a dinner at the Harvard Club, and a "Get-together" meeting at Department Headquarters. (See newspaper clipping from the "Boston Globe" of February 8, below.)The events of the day gained publicity for the Order.

S. U. V. Leaders Greeted by Mayor on Visit to City

Mayor Tobin was host to Dr. Ralph R. Barrett of California, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Eva B. Blackman of Chicago, national president of the auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, at the Parker House yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Tobin was toastmaster at the luncheon and paid a tribute to the Civil War veterans and to all who honored their memory, as well as to the men in all branches of the service who fought and died to protect this country. He presented Commander Barrett who stated: "Our duty today is to protect the young men and young women who are living in this trying period. Our duty is to serve them. We must not be afraid to look their problems straight in the face and do all we can for them. This is our fight to preserve our youth."

Last evening the officers of the Massachusetts Department entertained Commander-in-Chief Barrett at a dinner at the Harvard Club.

At Sons of Union Veterans Fete

LEADERS WITH MAYOR TOBIN

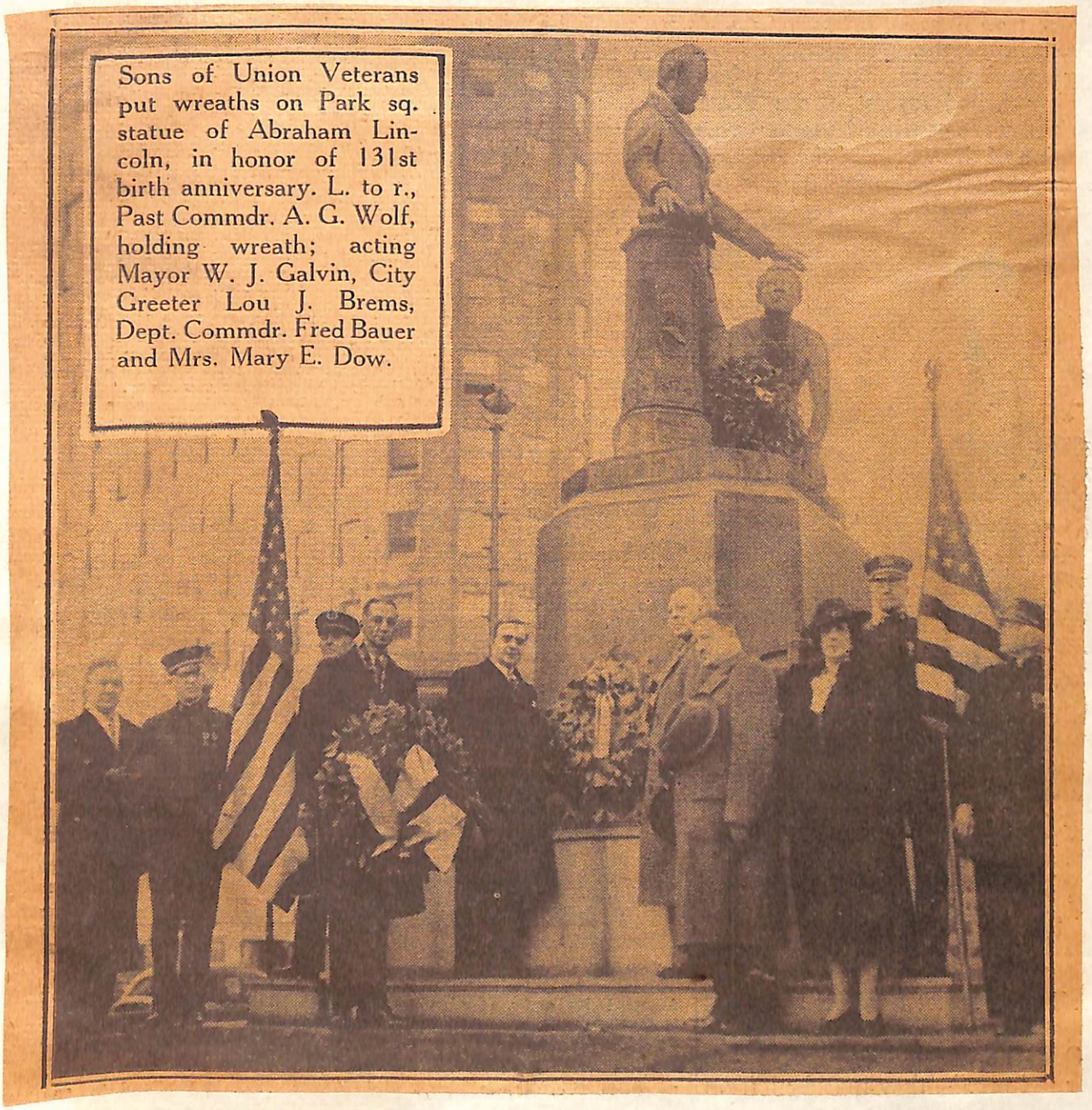
Left to Right—Commander-in-Chief Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, S. U. V.; Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, national president of Auxiliary, and the mayor. Boston Globe Feb. 8, 1940.

Decoration of Lincoln Monument.

In accordance with our annual custom the Lincoln Emancipation Monument was decorated with appropriate exercises, under the auspices of the Past Commanders' Association on Lincoln's Birthday. This ceremony, occurring in one of the busiest squares of the city neces-

sarily attracts the attention of multitudes to our Order and the patriotic work we are doing. The following newspaper accounts describe the ceremony.

(Boston Record, February 13, 1940)



Sons of Union Veterans put wreaths on Park sq. statue of Abraham Lincoln, in honor of 131st birth anniversary. L. to r., Past Commdr. A. G. Wolf, holding wreath; acting Mayor W. J. Galvin, City Greeter Lou J. Brems, Dept. Commdr. Fred Bauer and Mrs. Mary E. Dow.

(Boston Traveler, February 12, 1940)

Lincoln Honored By State, City

With a world at war challenging that golden rule of democracy—"Government of the people, by the people and for the people"—the nation paused today to honor the memory of the American who proclaimed the phrase to a war-weary country more than three-quarters of a century ago.

Reverent observance of the 131st anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth in schools and churches throughout Greater Boston pledged anew America's will to keep faith with the great emancipator.

Never in the 75 years since Lincoln spoke them at Gettysburg while guns thundered over a divided nation has the solemn repetition of his words had so vital a meaning to the entire world.

The American flag was raised on all public buildings today and commemorative exercises were held in the schools in accordance with Gov. Saltonstall's proclamation ordering "appropriate observance in a world darkened anew with war."

As evidence of the current importance of Lincoln's philosophies, historians and dramatists, in the past year have vied with each other to portray him anew as a great-hearted American whose tolerance and grim determination personify American democracy.

Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Hodgensville, Ky., and he is rarely associated with that state because Indiana and later Illinois became his home. His birthday is a holiday in many states but is not a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

GALVIN PLACES WREATH

Wreaths were placed at the Lincoln statue in Park square at noon by Acting Mayor William J. Galvin and Albert G. Wolff, president of the Past Commanders' Association, Sons of Union Veterans. Others taking part in the ceremony included: Col. Frederick G. Bauer, department commander, S. U. V.; Mrs. Mary E. Dow, president of the Past Presidents' Association of the auxiliary of S. U. V., and William L. Anderson, national president of the Federated Patriotic Societies. A Sons of Union Veterans color guard was in attendance.

Speakers were Acting Mayor Galvin, Albert G. Wolff, and Col. Bauer.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN in a ceremony today at the statue of the "Great Emancipator" in Park square were left to right: Louis Winchell, chairman of the department council, Sons of Union Veterans; Albert G. Wolff, president of the Past Commanders Association, SUV; Acting Mayor William G. Galvin; Louis Brems, city greeter; Col. Frederick G. Bauer, department commanders, SUV; Mrs. Mary E. Dow, president of the Past Presidents Association, SUV; and John B. Farrell, Charles Bradley, past commanders, SUV.

Commemoration of 75th Anniversary of Appomattox.
April 9, 1865.

At the suggestion of this Department the Grand Army asked us to plan and carry through a fitting commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Lee's surrender at Appomattox. The anniversary occurred on one of the days of the Department Encampment, and the observance was threefold:

1. A commemorative service in the "Old North" Church, the oldest and most historic church building in Boston, from whose tower the lanterns were displayed for Paul Revere, on Sunday afternoon, April 7th.

2. A radio Broadcast over WBZ and WBZA on the afternoon of April 9, the anniversary of the surrender. (See under Radio Program for details)

3. The presentation on the stage in costume of the events of April 9, 1865. (See below).

Church Service.
(For Program see next page).

Anniversary Service Held by Sons of Union Veterans

A service in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of Appomattox was held yesterday afternoon in the Old North church, also known as Christ Church, Salem st., Boston, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary.

Clerymen participating were Rev. Francis E. Webster, vicar of Christ church; Rev. George H. Driver, department chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans; Rev. Chester A. Sillars of Camp 1 of Lynn. Through illness the Rev. E. George Biddle, department chaplain of the G.A.R., was unable to be present.

At the opening the U. S. flags, Union Jacks, State flags and the Dept. flag of the G. A. R. marched to the pulpit platform. The department officers of the G.A.R., S.U.V., and Sons of U.V. Auxiliary were escorted to the pulpit platform under command of Col. Frederick G. Bauer, Dept. Commander. Two members of the G.A.R. graced the occasion: John E. Bronson, P.D.C., and George A. Gay. .... .. Singing of the Star Spangled Banner opened the services.

The annual memorial services of the G.A.R., S.U.V., and S.U.V. Aux. were held by the reading of the necrology. During the year the G.A.R. in this state lost 29 members; the Sons of Union Veterans lost 89 members, while the S.U.V. Aux. lost 48 members. As each member of the auxiliary who have passed to the great beyond name was read a carnation was deposited in their momory. The large chorus composed of S.U.V. and Auxiliary members under the leadership of past department commander. Addison A. Quinn, sang the anthem "No Shadows Yonder" from the "Holy City," the tenor soloist for this sacred number was sung by Raymond L. Kimball, senior vice-commander of Camp 81, this city. A prayer was then offered by Dept. Chaplain Driver and taps sounded by Fred T. Waugh, P.C. During the reading of the deceased members of the three organizations the muffled roll of the drum from the choir loft could be heard. Arthur R. Fennell, Jr., of Camp 81 being the drummer.

This was followed by a hymn written by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes during the Civil War.

Dept. Chaplain Driver then conducted a reading of Gen. Gran't terms of surrender and of Gen. Lee's farewell address to his army, followed by an able address on the "Peace of Appomattox," which united North and the South. At this time Rev. Mr. Driver had a guest, a lady of the Confederacy Daughters stand. He said the world should look at this peace that was made and of its permanency.

My Country 'Tis of Thee was then sung by the Dept. Chorus assisted by the assembly.

The following names of Camp 81, this city, was read as having passed to the Great Beyond during the past year: Charles H. Jowell, Oscar T. Prescott, Edwin S. Fairbanks, George F. Brady, Grenville N. Lincoln, Nos F. Yarno.

Flying from the balcony were the following department flags: United Spanish War Veterans; Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, the War of 1812. and the flag of "Founders and Patriots."

The entire program which consumed an hour and a half was most impressive and the old historic church was filled with veterans of all wars and their auxiliaries to lend their aid in assisting the S.U.V. and its auxiliary in their solemn memorial service.

Camp 81, S.U.V., was represented by Commander Edgar W. Harding, Raymond L. Kimball, Addison A. Quinn, Ernest E. Huntoon, Frank D. Heiser, George W. Dunbrack, Harold L. Dennis, Joseph A. Finn, Arthur W. Simington and George W. Kimball, the last three named served as official ushers.

Pres. Mrs. Mary W. L. Lynch of S.U.V. Auxiliary 38 was present with the following members: Miss Louisa M. Wilcox, Mrs. Anna Belle Kimball, Mrs. Marguerite Mitcheson, Mrs. Lillian A. Huntoon, Mrs. Agness E. Kimball. and Mrs. Carrie E. Quinn, the last named a member of the department chorus.

Miss Ruth E. Brown, president Woman's Relief Corps No. 10.

Mrs. Mary Marsh, vice-president Tent 72, Daughters of Union Veterans.

Mrs. George F. Brady, widow of the late past commander George F. Brady of Camp 81 attended the memorial services as a guest.

All the hymns that were sung at the church was under the leadership of Addison A. Quinn and the assembly united with the Dept. chorus which added much to make the affair most successful.

1865 **A SERVICE** **1940**

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF APPOMATTOX
HELD IN CHRIST CHURCH, SALEM STREET, BOSTON
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1940 AT 4:30 P.M.
under the auspices of the
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR AND AUXILIARY.

CLERGYMEN PARTICIPATING

Rev. Francis E. Webster, Vicar of Christ Church
Rev. E. George Biddle, Department Chaplain, G. A. R.
Rev. George Hibbert Driver, Department Chaplain, S.U.V.C.W.
Rev. Chester A. Sillars, Camp 1.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL. Hymn 445.
ENTRY OF THE COLORS (Color Bearers from Camp 1, Lynn.)
"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" (Hymn 429), first stanza.
EVENING PRAYER (Page 21 of the Prayer Book).
Conducted by Rev. Francis E. Webster.
Psalter: Psalm XXVII (Page 371 of the Prayer Book).
Lesson: Ecclesiasticus XLIV, 1-15.
Read by Rev. Chester A. Sillars.
RESPONSE: "Non Nobis, Domine, sed Nomini Tuo Da Gloriam"
Edward German
READING of the NECROLOGY of the G.A.R., S.U.V.C.W., and AUXILIARY
ANTHEM "No shadows Yonder" from "The Holy City," *Gaul*
TAPS
HYMN 437 (Written by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes during the Civil War)
Tune: "Duke Street," Hymn 453
READING of General Grant's Terms of Surrender and of General Lee's Farewell Address to his Army.
ADDRESS: "The Peace of Appomattox" Rev. George Hibbert Driver
HYMN 427
BENEDICTION Rev. E. George Biddle
RETREAT
"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" (last stanza)
RETIRING OF THE COLORS.
RECESSIONAL: Hymn 434.

(The Congregation are requested to remain in their places until the Department Officers and their guests have passed out.)

Marshall and Chief of Ushers: Lieut. Otis M. Whitney, Camp 79.
Trumpeter: Past Commander Fred T. Waugh Camp, 45
Tenor Solo by Brother Raymond L. Kimball, Camp 81.
Chorus from Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary, Past Department Commander Addison A. Quinn, Precentor.

Dramatization of "Appomattox".

The dialogue was prepared from the contemporary accounts of the event and accurately reproduced what was said and done on that historic occasion. The arrangement and preservation of this in dramatic form is itself a contribution to patriotic work as tending to make available for presentation this momentous event.

PROLOGUE.

Lincoln's Second Inaugural, March 4, 1865.

Characters.

President Lincoln.....Albert G. Wolff.

Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase.....James H. Knight.

SCENE I.

General Grant's Headquarters. Time: Midnight, April 8-9, 1865.

Characters.

General Grant.....George H. Hill.

General John A. Rawlins.....Herbert H. Marshall.

Colonel Horace Porter..... Thomas W. Cazmay, Jr.

SCENE II.

General Lee's Head quarters. Time: Early morning of April 9, 1865.

General Robert E. Lee .....Charles J. Downing.

General James Longstreet .....Leon R. Searle.

General E. P. Alexander, Chief of Artillery .... James K. Cheney.

Colonel Charles Marshall, Secretary to General Lee..Ernest G. Wells.

SCENE III.

The McLean House at Appomattox Court House. Time Afternoon of April 9.

Characters.

General Ulysses S. Grant ..... George H. Hill.

General John A. Rawlins .....Herbert H. Marshall.

General Philip H. Sheridan .....George P. Wyer.

General Seth Williams, Adjutant General .....William G. Packard.

Colonel Horace Porter .....Thomas W. Cazmay, Jr.

Colonel Eli S. Parker, Military Secretary to Gen Grant.. Louis E. Winchell. 8

Lieut. Col. Orville E. Babcock .....Raymond L. Kimball.

Stage Director.....Willis W. Hidden.

The result of this dramatic presentation was to double the usual attendance at the annual Reception and Massing of the Colors, over that of previous years. Instead of having a deficit to meet from the Department Treasury, this year there was a profit to divide between the Department and the Auxiliary, and repeated and insistent demands are being made to present some other drama of the Civil War at the Encampment next year, and the Department Council has voted to do so.

Service on U.S. Frigate Constitution.

Agreably to custom the Department held its annual service on the U. S. Frigate Constitution,- "Old Ironsides", on Sunday, June 30, 1940. Each year the date of the service is chosen to coincide, as nearly as possible with some Civil War Anniversary, and June 30 was selected this year as being nearest to the anniversaries of Gettysburg and Vicksburg. These services, held on the deck of the most historic ship in the United States Navy, are sponsored by different patriotic and military organizations, and are well attended and advertised. Our annual service serves to bring home to the people of Eastern Massachusetts the importance of the Civil War and significance of its anniversaries, and the Chaplain of the Navy Yard reports that our service is the most largely attended of any except the one held by the Boy and Girl Scouts. Not only is all seating accommodation exhausted long before the service begins, but people are seated on the guns, the gunwales, the hatches, and are standing. The service is patriotic as well as religious in character, and includes escort of the colors, singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner", and an address by the Department Commander on some historic-patriotic theme, but based on some biblical incident. This year the theme was from I Kings I,1: "Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die;

and he charged Solomon his son, saying: I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man",and the speaker pointed out that King David, himself a soldier, came to the throne at a time of divided allegiance, comparable to our Civil War, and made a united kingdom, as did our ancestors of 1861-65; and that as he charged his son to "show himself a man", so they charge us to show ourselves men, and to perpetuate the results of their service to our country,- a charge which is epitomized in Lincoln's words: "With firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on."

Formation of Cavalry Escort.

It has long been evident that, at least in Massachusetts, our Order has been at a disadvantage in comparison with the V.F.W. and American Legion from the fact that we had no well drilled military body which could parade on public occasions and excite favorable comment and notice for the Order. Furthermore the Grand Army have reached a point in age and numbers where they are entitled to some special honor on such occasions. Those in charge of such celebrations are very ready to ask G.A.R. veterans to take part, in order to add eclat to the occasion, but are apt to be very slack in seeing that the G.A.R. veterans are properly taken care of. For this reason the Department has formed a body of cavalry, who will eventually be dressed in the uniform of the Civil War, and armed with sabres and carbines, to take part in parades and similar functions and to act as a mounted escort to the G.A.R. Ordinarily a platoon rides in front of the car or cars carrying the G.A.R. and flankers ride on each side of them.

Up to date this escort has turned out mounted on three occasions:

1. The celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Town of Braintree;

2. The celebration of the 310th anniversary of the founding of Dorchester;

3. The annual Flag Day celebration by the City of Boston, on Boston Common.

On this last occasion the following letter was received from the Marshal of the parade:

"My dear Colonel Bauer:-

Permit me to extend my sincere thanks for the willing cooperation and assistance rendered to the Citizens' Public Celebration Association and to me personally as Marshal of the Flag Day Parade, June 14, 1940.

The officers and men of the mounted escort, Sons of Union Veterans were most cooperative and made a splendid appearance.

Respectfully yours,

Timothy J. Mulcahy
Captain, Infantry Reserve, Marsjal,
City of Boston Flag Day Parade."

The escort also served dismounted at the exercises in the Hall of Flags, May 29, and at the service on the U.S. Frigate Constitution. Formation of the cavalry unit has stimulated interest of younger men in the Order and as it becomes better known, will undoubtedly help increase our membership.

Help in National Defense.

At the request of the Commanding General, First Corps Area, U.S. Army the Department has issued an order calling attention to the Army recruiting drive, and ordered it to be read in all Camps until October 5, when we have a special session of the Department Encampment, and is now distributing windshield stickers in aid of the drive throughout the State.

At the request of the First Naval District we have posted notice of the school for prospective Naval Reserve officers, and are endeavoring to bring this to the attention of all interested and qualified, and

have arranged for a Navy officer to speak on the Navy recruiting drive at the special session of the Encampment on October 5.

The Department has offered to recruit among our own membership one or more units of the State Guard which will be raised when and if the National Guard is taken into Federal service, and in particular has offered the services of its mounted unit as the troop of cavalry, which will be raised as part of this Guard.

Closer Ties with Kindred Bodies.

The Department has officially taken part in the following public patriotic celebrations sponsored by other organizations, beside those mentioned above:

Armistice Day observance on Boston Common, conducted by the Military Order of the World War, at which the Department Commander was one of the speakers.

Washington's Berthday Reception of the Governor of the Commonwealth in the Hall of Flags, at which the Department led the line, escorting the Grand Army.

Celebration of April 19th, "patriots' Day", in Boston and Lexington.

Two receptions and banquets given by the Mass. Department, Veterans of Foreign Wars to Commander-in-Chief Eugene I. Van Antwerp.

Flag Day Exercises conducted by the City of Boston at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common, at which the Department Commander was one of the speakers. (Note: this is not to be confused with the observance on the parade ground later in the day, in which the mounted escort took part.)

Americanization celebration in Faneuil Hall, conducted by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, at which Past Com. in Chief William L. Anderson was one of the speakers, the Department Commander being unable to attend in person.

Commemoration of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee in New York City, by the New York Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and in Boston by the Boston Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. (At each of these the Department Commander was speaker).

Joint Memorial Exercises in the various cemeteries of the old Town of West Roxbury, conducted by Bay State Camp No. 1 and John W. M Murphy Post No. 675, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Cordial Relations with Confederate Organizations.
(See preceding page).

In addition to taking part in the observances of General Lee's birthday noted on the precedingpage, the Department has at all times maintained cordial relations with the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The latter organization joined with us in the service at the Old North Church and the Reception at which the drama of Appomattox was presented, both comemorative of the surrender at Appomattox, 75 years ago, wh which reunited our country under one flag, and in recognition of his efforts to bring about a better understanding between the two organizations, the present Department Commander has been made an honorary member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Commander of the New York Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans was also invited to be our guest at our Department Encampment, as was also the president of Boston Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Vice president general for New England.

We feel that what the Department has done has accomplished much toward a better feeling on the part of our Southern brethren and sisters, and a realization on their part of what the North really stood for in the Civil War.

As evidence that we are not losing our loyalty to the principles for which our sires fought, we cite the fact that at the State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Department Commander of our Order reported and had adopted a resolution publicly rebuking one of the V.F.W. Department Officers for using the term "War between the States" in his report.

RADIO PROGRAM

A series lasting thirteen weeks comprising thirteen dramatized stories, is now in progress under the title

"Your American Hour".

These scenes are illustrative of Union soldiers' and sailors' loyalty and heroism against a southern and Confederate background. Enough local color and entertainment content is used to arrest the attention of the average listener. These elements and their broad patriotic appeal has so impressed the radio station program director that he has scheduled our story programs as a regular station feature.

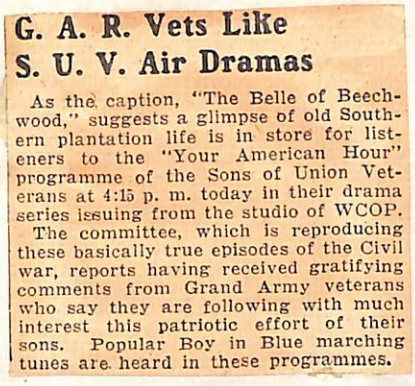
Some of these stories are in a lighter vein, some are more serious; some deal with the great Union leaders but more are illustrative of typical Boys in Blue as they were in the great Union Army and Navy. They are told (or rather, introduced) through the medium of a grandpa to his grandson, being specially designed to interest and inform young people.

The players in the current series are proving even more effective than was the case in the two earlier series, being done by more mature and more experienced actors. Several of them have had professional experience. Most of them were recruited from within the Order.

These stories were written for radio by a writer exceptionally equipped for handling Civil War period material. So far as possible, the sources used have been the accounts of the veterans themselves.

Newspaper publicity for each broadcast, through special write-ups which appear regularly in the Boston newspapers is noticeably enlarging the circle of radio listeners. A typical

account from the Sunday issue of the 'Boston Post' of September 1 follows:



G. A. R. Vets Like S. U. V. Air Dramas

As the caption, "The Belle of Beechwood," suggests a glimpse of old Southern plantation life is in store for listeners to the "Your American Hour" programme of the Sons of Union Veterans at 4:15 p. m. today in their drama series issuing from the studio of WCOP.

The committee, which is reproducing these basically true episodes of the Civil war, reports having received gratifying comments from Grand Army veterans who say they are following with much interest this patriotic effort of their sons. Popular Boy in Blue marching tunes are heard in these programmes.

These newspaper items also serve to draw attention of the general public to this worthwhile patriotic activity of the Department. This year an extension of the publicity efforts of the producing committee has secured publication of program announcements in numerous newspapers located outside Greater Boston, thus providing membership committees of Camps with local advertising to aid them in soliciting new members.

Other Air Programs

Past Dept. Commander of the G.A.R., John E. Bronson, featured a program celebrating the anniversary of Cedar Creek, with reminiscences of Gen. Philip Sheridan.

A Lincoln birthday anniversary was observed, the program being broadcast over Columbia's New England network, with a remarkably fine Lincoln eulogy given by F. Lauriston Bullard, editor of a leading Boston newspaper and the station, WEEI, furnished Charles Hector's famous concert orchestra to contribute the music for this half-hour program.

A Memorial Day tribute program, conducted by Bay State Camp in the Hall of Flags, State House, was carried to much of New England through specially provided facilities of Columbia's Boston station. Gov. Leverett Saltonstall, Col. Edward Roth, Adjt. Gen. First Corps Area, U. S. Army, Leonard C. Couch, P.D.C. (S.U.V.),

Dept. Commander Frederic G. Bauer, and Frank E. Howard, Com. Bay State Camp, participated. A group of Grand Army Comrades under leadership of Dept. Com. Dudley L. Page, placed a memorial wreath beneath the mass of battle-scarred flags.

The 75th anniversary of the Appomattox surrender was remembered during the Dept. Encampment with a program issuing from Boston's outlet of N.B.C. Incidents surrounding the historic event were vividly recalled by Past Dept. Commanders (G.A.R.) George A. Gay and John E. Bronson, and the G.A.R. Encampment was adjourned to the studio to witness the broadcast.

CAMP ACTIVITIES.

It is evident that Department activities are having an influence in securing new members for the Camps. Camps that are themselves active have been able to add to their membership the past year, the most notable

Camp	1	Lynn	10%
	25	Worcester	18%
	29	Watertown	14%
	58	Hyde Park	36%
	61	Boston	27%
	81	Chelsea	23%
	148	Milford	25%

and a considerable number have made smaller additions. The report of the Department Patriotic Instructor shows that all Camps are active in the discharge of their Memorial Day duties. The usual number of patriotic exercises and public meetings are held, many flags have been presented to schools and churches, special attention, where needed, given to Veterans' graves and Veterans' funerals well attended. Some Camps have sponsered radio broadcasts. In most cases cordial relations exist with the Veteran Organizations and over 50% of the Camps are taking the lead in planning and conducting Memorial Services for the G.A.R.

C A M P A C T I V I T I E S.

Lieut. Col. C. R. Mudge Camp, No. 1, Lynn.

An unusual Memorial Day program, showing participation and cooperation by the various military and patriotic organizations of Lynn. The Chief Marshal was from the S.U.V. Camp. School children were given parts in the program, and not only the cemeteries in Lynn, but also the Town of Nahant were covered.

Charles Russell Lowell Camp, No. 9, Boston.

Issues a bi-monthly magazine, copies of which are appended to this report.

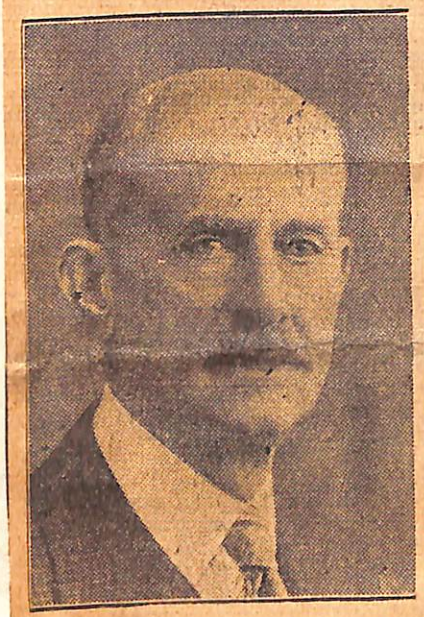
Conducted a patriotic service in Faneuil Hall on the Sunday before Flag Day, participated in by various patriotic societies. A program is attached.

Prepared and issued to officers and committees a detailed list of instructions and suggestions as to their duties. Copies are appended.

Sponsored an essay contest among school children, the prize for which was publicly awarded at the Department Reception, held in connection with the Department Encampment.

This Camp also discovered plaques originally erected to commemorate the service of Company H., First Mass. Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War and had them placed in the State Armory in Chelsea and rededicated on June 18. The account of the affair from the "Chelsea Evening Record" of June 19, follows:

Theodore Winthrop Camp Rededicates Civil War Plaques



WILLIAM S. HENRY
Orator

GEORGE W. KIMBALL
On Committee

Theodore Winthrop Camp 81, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War fittingly re-dedicated three Civil War plaques in the State Armory last night before Batery F, 241st C.A., M.N.G., and its officers and representatives of many veteran and patriotic organizations. Commander Edgar W. Harding welcomed the many friends and gave a brief talk on the re-dedication. Prior to the opening a picture was taken of the plaques with each of the persons who gave a brief history of the men who made up these plaques.

He introduced as the first speaker Mayor Edward J. Voke, who gave a talk on what these Civil War plaques stood for and what the men did during those trying times 1861-1865. With none of the Boys in Blue present, a certain stillness could be felt that gave all something to think about. A feeling that made us wonder what is next in store for us as a nation with Europe torn asunder. He praised the Sons of Union Veterans for their devotion to the GAR and the many patriotic observances they have carried out. He said he was glad that these plaques were in safe hands where they could be seen and honored.

W. S. Henry Gives Talk

Commander Harding introduced Past Commander William S. Henry of Camp 81, who gave a lengthy talk on the plaque he represented, Co. H, 1st Regt. Mass. Vol. Inf. His address follows:

"We have gathered here tonight not to rededicate but to welcome to their new home these historic tablets and to express our thanks and appreciation to the officials of our State for their generous offer of a permanent resting place.

Seek Shelter From Friends

"To me personally and I think I express the feelings of the members of Camp 81, and Auxiliary 38, it is a sad and a humiliating experience climaxing as it does the eviction so to speak of old and valued friends from the only home they had ever known and which they had every reason to believe would be their permanent abiding place and forced to beg for shelter from kind and considerate friends.

"The Civil War Veterans, all members of the Chelsea Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, who conceived, designed and erected these tributes to their departed comrades, did so in the hope and with, no doubt, the firm belief that when they had themselves joined those comrades, a grateful and appreciative citizenry, the beneficiary of their sacrifices, would accept the responsibility of the care and preservation not only of the tablets themselves but of the building in which they were enshrined. But their hopes were not be to realized.

Building No Longer a Shrine

"The building which these comrades bought and paid for and in which for more than half a century they made their home and which they intended should be preserved as a patriotic shrine is fast falling to decay.

"Due to the ravages of time, combined with inexcusable neglect to repair those ravages, the building is now beyond repair and has become unsafe for public gatherings.

"It has been necessary therefore, to remove the contents which were contributed and accumulated by the comrades during their long occupancy of the building.

"These were of necessity scattered to the four winds as those who were interested in keeping them together were without the funds necessary to do so.

Nothing But Sign Remains

"Nothing remains today to identify the building as the former home of Chelsea's Civil War veterans but a decorative sign in the large hall which reads 'Theodore Winthrop Post 35, G.A.R. organized Nov. 16th, 1867.' This it is proposed to allow to remain while the building stands.

"The two larger tablets were the last to go and here in their new home, of a far more durable nature than the old and in the custody of the State itself, may they continue to be an inspiration to future generations, silent, yet elo-

quent reminders of the days when men were men and freedom and liberty were held to be more precious than life itself.

"One hundred and sixty-five years ago today our ancestors across the river were preparing for burial those of their husbands, fathers, sons and brothers who had the day before, given their lives to secure the freedom and liberty that you and I are enjoying today.

Tablets Erected By Veterans

"Seventy-seven years ago today the men who erected these tablets were fighting and many of their comrades were dying to preserve that freedom and liberty.

"What are we doing with it?

"If we are honest and candid we must confess that we are allowing it to slip away fro mus.

"As a nation we have allowed ourselves to grow soft, selfish and unpatriotic, and for this condition the parents of our boys are largely responsible.

"Flippant references to our boys as 'cannon fodder' the oft repeated remark that 'I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier', have given many of our boys an entirely false conception of their obligation to their country.

Either Soldier Or Coward

"Every boy must be made to realize that he is raised, if he lives, to be a soldier or a coward and the choice rests with him.

"They must be made to understand that they are the hope and the only hope of this once great country and I say once great advisedly, because while we have increased in numbers and developed in material prosperity in the far more important matters of spirituality, morality and patriotism, we rate far below what we once were.

Fought To Abolish Slavery

"These men whose memory we honor tonight fought and many of their comrades died, that slavery in our country might be abolished, but it may be that their sacrifices have been all in vain as their is little doubt that we are headed for another period of slavery beside which that which ended with the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, seventy-five years ago, will seem as child's play.

"Unlike our Southern slaves, the skins of those slaves of the future will not be black and the blood which flows through their veins will be the bluest of the blue.

"Our black friends were spared the ignominy of the goose-step.

"Some of us here tonight may not be so fortunate.

"On thing and only one, will avert such a disaster and that is a rebirth of that spirit of courage and sacrifice that inspired the heroes who founded and those who saved this country when its life was threatened.

Recalls Speech Of Patrick Henry

"The kind of spirit that animated that great American, Patrick Henry who, more than one hundred and sixty years ago, from his pew in the little church which still stands on the hill-top in the city of Richmond, Va., asked his faint-hearted listeners the question that each of us should ask ourselves tonight: 'Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God' and he closed with those immortal words that every true and loyal American should be glad to repeat after him and with all sincerity. 'I know not what course others may take, but for me, give me Liberty or give me Death'."

Following Mr. Henry's address, a brief summary of the bronze plaque representing Co. G, 40th Mass. Vol. Inf., was given by Past Commander George W. Kimball in behalf of Charles O. Currier, whose father, Sergt. Charles A. Currier, was in charge of this company upon its return from war service. Kimball stated that Co. G was the third company recruited in Chelsea and was in response to a call by Pres. Lincoln for 300,000 more men for three years. It was composed almost exclusively of Chelsea men; all but 7 being residents at the time of enlistment, and two of the seven were former residents. A fine book was compiled many years ago about this famous company by Past Commander Georfe H. Buck of Post 35 G.A.R. and a member of this company. Mr. Currier, whose place Mr. Kimball took at the re-dedication has been a member of Camp 81 for 53 years next month, being one of the original charter members. His father was wounded at Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864 at the battle of the Crater. His death occurred at Chelsea, April 16, 1907, and he was buried in Woodlawn cemetery.

Recalls Death Of Brother

The next speaker was Arthur J. Wilson of 50 Baker road, Everett, and a member of Camp 81, and he represented the large marble plaque which adorned the wall of the Old Cary Ave. M. E. church and which contained the names of five young boys who died in the defense of the Union in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, three being 17 years of age, one being 18 years of age and one 22. One on this plaque was a brother of Mr. Wilson, Norman Wilson, who served in Co. H under Capt. Carruth and then joined Co. I, 1st Regt. Mass. Cavalry. He was killed near Petersburg, Va., Oct. 1, 1864 at the age of 17 years.

Plaques Presented

Captain Fred E. Pereira then was called to the center of the drill shed and the three plaques were presented to him in behalf of Camp 81 by Commander Harding who praised the loyalty that Capt. Pereira had shown to the camp on numerous occasions and he stated he knew these plaques were now in safe hands. Capt. Pereira accepted the plaques and stated that they would be cherished as long as the Armory was occupied. He urged those that had sons or brothers of a military age to join up with his company stating those enlisting in his outfit had a better chance during war, for with artillery they would be much more safer.

Taps were then sounded by Chas. V. Winam, Jr. of Battery F.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then given by the assembly with Raymond L. Kimball, senior vice commander of Camp 81, as color bearer.

Rev. Driver Gives Address

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. George H. Driver of Winchester, senior vice department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, and he praised the Chelsea camp for their foresight in placing the plaques in a state building. He praised Captain Pereira for his splendid work in getting authority from the adjutant general of the state.

Dr. J. B. Toltz, department commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., gave a brief talk and he said if this country wanted his services he would gladly give his all, for America gave him what he enjoys most, his liberty, something that the land of his birth across the water could not offer.

Commander Harding upon closing stated the organizations allied with the G.A.R. would assist Battery F if they were called to war, and if one was killed, his memory would be cherished by these organizations in the same respectful manner as is shown to those who have passed to the great beyond and who were Civil War Veterans.

Among the guests were: Mayor Voke, Ald. Patrick F. Cronin, Frank G. Young, junior vice-commander, Camp 24, U.S.W.V.; Louis A. Cannon, senior vice-commander, Post 71, J.W.V. of the U. S.; Dr. J. B. Toltz, department commander, J. W. V.; Mrs. Ilauno E. Young, treasurer, U. S. W. V. Auxiliary 37; Mrs. Mary Robinson, president of Auxiliary to Post 34, A. L.; Mrs. Sarah Daniels, president of Auxiliary to Post 71. J. W. V.; Miss Ruth E. Brown, president, Woman's Relief Corps 10; Mrs. Katherine Lally, president, Tent 72, Daughters of Union Veterans of C. W.; Mrs. Mary W L. Lynch, president, Sons of Union Veterans, Aux. 38.

Delegations of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars were mixed through the large audience. With Battery F in uniform and the many veteran and patriotic delegations in uniform presented a most pleasing sight.

All the officers of Battery F occupied special chairs in the audience and the affair was carried out in every detail.

This Camp has also continued its custom of having school children representing all the different nationalities in Chelsea participate in the Memorial Day exercises. The result has been tremendous publicity for the Camp and its officers are frequently greeted on the street by foreigners whom they never knew but who recognize them from their connection with the Memorial Day exercises. These activities have brought many new members to the Camp, as will be seen by the table.

Richard Borden Camp, No. 90, Fall River

The Camp attended in a body a presentation of the Civil War picture "The Dark Command" at the Empire Theater, Fall River, and a regulation national color was presented to the Camp at that time. A newspaper account from the Fall River "Herald News" of the incident is appended.

Flag Exercises On Empire Stage

An American flag, the gift of the Interstate Empire Theater, was presented by Mayor Murray to William J. Barnes, commander of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, at exercises on the Empire stage last night prior to the showing of "Dark Command," which opened yesterday for a week's run.

Taking part in the presentation was Manager William S. Canning of the theater. Mayor Murray, in presenting the silken banner, paid tribute to the flag and Memorial Day. The exercises were preceded by a parade along North and South Main Street from the GAR Hall on Franklin Street to the theater.

Smoke talks have also been held during the winter. A window display in one of the large stores in Fall River of relics of the Civil War was arranged by the Camp, the first thing of the kind ever to be put on in the City of Fall River.

L. A. Tifft Camp, No. 15, Springfield

A patriotic program was conducted in the Municipal Auditorium in Springfield on Veterans' Night at which the principal speaker was the Mayor of Westfield. It was attended by representatives of the United States Army, the municipal government, allied orders, neighboring Camps, and the general public. The full account with a picture appeared in the Springfield papers of the next day, but unfortunately the picture is not available at this time.

Gen. William F. Draper Camp No. 148, Milford

A public meeting in observance of Union Defenders' Day was held under auspices of the Camp, a newspaper account of which is hereto appended.

S. of V. Camp Has Patriotic Program

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Lester Felton, president of auxiliary; Col. F. G. Bauer, Edwin F. Tuttle, Superintendent of Schools A. O. Caswell, Mrs. Madeline Dunlap, president of Relief Corps. Standing, left to right: Norman Wood, commander Upton camp; Mrs. Thelma Abbott, president Henry J. Bailey tent; Frank King, commander Milford camp; Mabel Farr, Paul A. Hoey, commander Willie Grant camp, Worcester.

Union Defenders Day exercises were held at G. A. R. hall last evening under the auspices of Gen. William F. Draper Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war. Commander Frank King opened the meeting and delivered the address of welcome to the affiliated organizations and the delegations from visiting camps of the Sons of Union Veterans.

America was sung with Mrs. Mildred A. Palinzi at the piano. Commander King presented as the first speaker Supt. of Schools Almorin O. Caswell, a member of Draper Camp. He delivered an address on Abraham Lincoln.

After this Commander King introduced Senior Vice Comdr. Edwin F. Tuttle, to present his distinguished kinsman, Col. Frederic Gilbert Bauer, department commander of the Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans, who was the guest speaker.

Col. Bauer delivered a scholarly address in which he outlined some of the attainments as well as the objects of the Sons of Union Veterans. He stressed the importance of the proper observance of Memorial Day and congratulated Draper Camp on their plan to hold special Memorial Day exercises this year in memory of the Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil war.

After the address there were remarks by representatives of the several visiting organizations and by Allan A. Hartwll and Harry E. Chadbourne of the local camp.

Among others who spoke were Mrs. Thelma Abbott, president of Tent 89, Daughters of Veterans; Mrs. Bertha Felton, president of the Sons of Veterans' auxiliary; Mrs. Madeline Dunlap, president of Fletcher Woman's Relief Corps; Commander Proctor Camp, Sons of Veterans of Northboro; Commander Wood of the Upton Camp, representatives of Camp 25 of Worcester and others.

An entertainment consisting of Hill-billy songs by Richard Canon and Robert Dunlap with a guitar accompaniment and songs by Mrs. Mildred Polanski was enjoyed. A collation was served by members of the auxiliary in the banquet hall.

Bay State Camp, No. 61, Boston

The following meetings of unusual interest were held:

Fall meeting. A trip to Worcester, Massachusetts, on a Saturday afternoon to visit the John Woodman Higgins Museum of Arms and Armor, for which a special building has been constructed on the premises of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company, of which Mr. Higgins is president. This building is an adaptation of a Gothic castle and contains weapons and armor from the Stone Age to the French Second Empire. It has recently been enlarged by the addition of a collection of firearms which was bequeathed to Yale University but which they had not the money to arrange and display. The collection is considered the finest private collection in the world. Following the visit to the museum, the Camp had dinner at the 1812 House in Framingham, after which an address was delivered on "Andrew Jackson."

Winter meeting. At the armory of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, the oldest military organization in the western hemisphere. The speaker was Brigadier General Charles H. Cole, who commanded the 52d Brigade (Yankee Division) in France during the World War. His subject was "Preparedness."

78th Anniversary of the Battle of the Monitor and Merrimac. March 9, 1940. A meeting was held at the Boston City Club, addressed by an officer of the United States Navy on the development in naval warfare since the Civil War, and the engineering side of warships of the present day. A full account of the Camp was published in the bulletin of the Boston City Club, which resulted in much favorable publicity.

W E L C O M E

FROM

T H E C H A R L E S R U S S E L L L O W E L L G R O U P

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS 28, Mrs. Minnie Scott Pike, President
CAMP 9, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, Ernest G. Wells, Commander
AUXILIARY 78 TO CAMP 9, Josephine Tyler, Pres.

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P R E - F L A G D A Y C E L E B R A T I O N

AT

F A N E U I L H A L L
"THE CRADLE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY"

Sunday, June 9, 1940

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MEDFORD W. P. A. BAND
John Jacobson, Conductor

Virginia "Dixie" Summerson
Drum Majorette, Gen. Sanger Camp 15, United Spanish War Veterans

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INVOCATION.....Rev. Eugene B. Smith, Chaplain 6th Div., A.E.F.
GETTYSBURG ADDRESS.....Peter Leahy, Chaplain, Post #7, G.A.R.
SOLO.....Mrs. Mary A. Gordon, Vice President, Auxiliary #78
Miss Elizabeth Chadbourne, D. A. R., Chairman, Committee, Correct Uses American Flag
FLAG CHARGE.....Past Commander Charles W. Crocker, Camp #9
SOLO.....Mrs. Mildred E. Morrison, Treasurer, Circle 23, L.G. A. R.
BENEDICTION.....Rev. Hibbert Driver, Senior Vice Department Commander, S.U.V.C. W.

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INVITED GUESTS

His Excellency, Leverett B. Saltonstall, Governor of Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Honorable Maurice W. Tobin, Mayor of the City of Boston
Major-General J. A. Woodruff, Commanding, First Corps Area
Rear Admiral W. T. Tarrant, Commandant, First Naval District
Department Commander Dudley L. Page, Grand Army of the Republic
Department Commander Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department President Mrs. Lucille Rand, Woman's Relief Corps
Department President Mrs. Harriet Amsden, Ladies of the G. A. R.
Department President Miss Elizabeth Douglas, Daughters of the U. V. of the C.W.
Department President Mrs. Mary E. Dow, Auxiliary to the S. U. V. C. W.
Department Commander George H. Manks, United Spanish War Veterans
Department Commander Wilfred Jacobs, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department Commander Thomas H. Quinn, American Legion
Senior Vice Department Commander Aaron Franklin, Jewish War Veterans
Hon. Roger Wolcott, President, Society of Cincinnatti
Miss Ethel Hersey, State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution
Department President Mrs. Frank M. Brown, Daughters of 1812
Department President Mrs. Eunice W. Gunderson, Auxiliary to the U. S. W. V.
Department President Mrs. Anna Guertin, Auxiliary to the V. F. W.
Department President Mrs. Jennie Collins, Auxiliary to the A. L.
Mrs. W. H. H. Pierce, President, Boston Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy

CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL CAMP NO. 9
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Item #19

COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

(INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN)
(A Copy Of This Should Be Given To All Committeemen)

C O N F E R E N C E C O M M I T T E E

CHAIRMAN BENJAMIN T. DEXTER
373 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

The names and addresses of the members of your Committee are as follows:

William F. Hinchey, P.C., 285 Chestnut Ave., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
Charles W. Crocker, P.C., Jamaica Plain Postoffice

The duty of the Conference Committee is to confer with Charles Russell Lowell Auxiliary No. 78, Charles Russell Lowell Woman's Relief Corps No. 28, and Frederick Hecker Woman's Relief Corps No. 88, on all matters mutual to our respective organizations.

A SUGGESTED INTERPRETATION OF THIS DUTY

(1) You might more aptly be named "The Friendly Relations Committee".

(a) Yours is the responsibility for the preservation of an harmonious relationship between our Camp and these closely allied organizations.

(b) Should there be suppers, entertainments, or any other such social activities, it becomes your duty to confer with these organizations, with the view of enlisting their support or collaboration.

(c) Should there be any friction or misunderstanding between our organizations, it becomes the duty of this Committee to seek readjustment or restoration to complete harmony amongst us.

(2) In matters pertaining to the present and future welfare of our respective organizations, it becomes your duty to function.

(a) Such a matter may be the current desire of so many of the members of our various organizations to locate in a new hall.

(b) It becomes, then, your duty to make a list of the individual members of these organizations, giving their views on this subject.

(c) It is suggested, in the interests of successful results, that this Committee work in conjunction with the other Committees, whenever possible.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

Ernest G. Wells
Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL CAMP NO. 9
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

Item #20

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

(A Copy Of This Should Be Given To All Committeemen)

R E F R E S H M E N T C O M M I T T E E

CHAIRMAN CHARLES A. PREW
52 Dwight St., Boston, Mass.

The names and addresses of the members of your Committee are as follows:

William G. Packard, J.V.C., 19 Concord Sq., Boston, Mass.
Alonzo G. Fraser, Treas., 77 Moreland St., Roxbury, Mass.
(There are two vacancies on this Committee, to which you may appoint whomever you wish -- letting me know their names.)

The duties of the Refreshment Committee are to see to the provision, preparation, and presentation of refreshments for any occasion for which it is called upon -- or that it thinks feasible.

A SUGGESTED INTERPRETATION OF THE ABOVE DUTIES

(1) It is hoped that this Committee will at all times remember the invaluable assistance that our Auxiliary is always able and willing to give them, in the performance of their duty, and never to hesitate to call upon one or more of them to help.

(2) Upon the setting of a definite date for a social function, the Chairman should call his Committee together and plan the necessary refreshments. He may call them during the recess of, or after, a regular meeting -- or if necessary, call a special meeting outside.

(3) It is suggested that, from time to time, the Committee organize a supper or a banquet for the purpose of raising revenue for the Camp.

(4) In the planning of any collation, banquet, supper, etc., this Committee is empowered to request contributions from the members of foods, drinks, etc. If it finds it necessary, it may request an appropriation from the Treasury.

(5) Properly functioning, it has the opportunity to add considerable to the Camp revenue.

(6) It is suggested that this Committee may, to great advan-

tage, work in conjunction with the Camp Council, the Welfare Committee, the Entertainment Committee, the Drama Committee, and the Public Speaking Bureau.

The motto of this Committee should be: "'The way to a man's heart is through his stomach' and we think women like to eat, too!" With this thought in mind, much can be done to give our Camp a name for hospitality -- and make friends for us of wh omever attends our affairs. The importance of this Committee cannot, then, be overestimated.

If possible (and that would be usually), and whenever necessary, your Commander offers the use of his home for the meetings of your Committee.

It is the Chairman's duty to notify th e members of his Committee, by post card, when and where he wishes to call a meeting.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

Ernest G. Wells

Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL CAMP NO. 9
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COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

Item #23

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

(A Copy Of This Should Be Given To All Committeemen)

G R A V E - M A R K I N G C O M M I T T E E

CHAIRMAN VERNARD L. GORDON
2817 Washington St., Roxbury, Mass.

The names and addresses of the members of your Committee are as follows:

William G. Packard, J.V.C., 19 Concord Sq., Boston, Mass.
Alonzo G. Fraser, Treas., 77 Moreland St., Roxbury, Mass.
Carl Thurston, Guide (present address unknown)
Charles Crocker, P.I., Jamaica Plain Postoffice

The duties of the Grave-Marking Committee are to investigate all graves of deceased members of Charles Russell Lowell Post No. 7, G.A.R.; Frederick Hecker Post No. 21, G.A.R.; Charles Russell Lowell Camp No. 9, S.U.V.C.W.; and Frederick Hecker Camp No. 145, S.U.V.C.W.; making notes of their locations and conditions. It's ultimate purpose is to have a complete record of all such graves for Memorial observances, including the City appropriations.

This is a year-around job and it is the recommendation of your Commander that this Committee be made a standing one.

The Committee is urged to hold meetings as frequently as possible. Whenever possible (which will be often), your Commander offers the use of his home for such meetings.

It is the Chairman's duty to notify the members of his Committee, by post card, when and where he wishes to call a meeting.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

Ernest G. Wells

Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL CAMP NO. 9
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Item #24

COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
(A Copy Of This Should Be Given To All Committeemen)

D R A M A C O M M I T T E E

CHAIRMAN LEON R. SEARLES
124 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The names and addresses of the members of your Committee are as follows:

William G. Packard, J.V.C., 19 Concord Sq., Boston, Mass.
Charles A. Prew, C.C., 52 Dwight St., Boston, Mass.
George Edward Fitz, Pr. Cor., P.O. Box 765, Boston, Mass.
Charles T. Fernandez, Sr., P.C., 64 Ziegler St., Roxbury, Mass.

The duties of the Drama Committee are to select, direct, and stage dramatic presentations in order to better publicize and interpret the ideals of our Camp and Order -- and to increase the revenue of the Camp.

A Suggested Interpretation Of These Duties

(1) In selecting dramatic presentations, it is suggested that you be guided the type and character of our organization.

(a) Select something uplifting and inspiring.

(b) Select something concerning the time or characters of the Civil War.

(c) Select something that will fit the personalities and numbers at our disposal.

(2) In directing dramatic presentations, it is suggested that you first have readings of the various parts, selecting those whose readings seem to best portray the roles.

(a) Then, instruct your actors to memorize their parts as quickly as possible.

(b) It is suggested that the Director individually discuss with the individual actors the individual characters of the parts they are to portray, in the endeavour to bring them to a deep and clear comprehension of their various roles -- thus enabling them to give to their characterizations a convincing sincerity.

(c) Constant polishing of the characterizations, by the Director at all rehearsals, is necessary to achieve a really finished production.

(3) In staging dramatic presentations, it is suggested as best to bear in mind that we will usually have but very restricted space in which to stage dramatizations.

(a) In choosing, it would be best to select those that can be staged in very limited areas.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

Ernest G. Wells
Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL CAMP NO. 9
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Item #25

COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

TO
GUARD WALTER G. RICHARDSON
48 Northampton St., Boston, Mass.

"The.....Guard(s) shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by the official blank forms, or directed by the Commander." (Chapter I, Article V, Section 6, Constitution & Regulations)

"As Guard you must carefully guard the entrance to the Camp room, and permit no one to enter without authority. You will allow no one to disturb the meeting during the initiation of candidates, reading of the minutes, or while opening or closing the meetings of the Camp." (Page 35, Ritual & Ceremonials)

"At all stated or special meetings the Officers will wear the Regulation Badge of the Order." (Page 3, Ritual & Ceremonials)

"During the opening, initiatory, or closing ceremonies, and reading of the minutes, no one will be permitted to enter or leave the Camp room, except it be done in the performance of duty, and under orders of th e Commander." (Page 3, Ritual & Ceremonials)

"The Visiting cards of receipt for dues are issued to members in good standing by the Treasurer of the Camp. These are to establish the good standing of the member, identify him and serve to admit him to any Camp room and entitle him to fellowship with members of the Order." (Page 5, Ritual & Ceremonials)

Yours is a position of trust and respomsibility. Upon you devolves the duty of seeing that no imposter, trouble-maker, or other undesirable and ineligible person, gains admittance to our Camp.

Your attention is called to the fact that you will not admit, or allow to leave, anyone "during the initiation of candidates, reading of minutes, or while opening or closing the meetings", unless, of course, that one must leave or enter in the performance of his duty, or by order of the Commander.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

Ernest G. Wells

Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

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Item #26

COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

TO

CHAPLAIN LEON R. SEARLES
124 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

"The.....Chaplain.....shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by the official blank forms, or directed by the Commander." (Chapter I, Article V, Section 6, Constitution and Regulations)

"As Chaplain you will be expected to conduct the devotional exercises or ceremonies of the Camp, to offer comfort and consolation to the afflicted, to officiate at funerals, and to discharge such other duties as may be required of you. May you bring to the position the proper and reverential feeling which should always be assumed by those who approach the Throne of God." (Page 34, Ritual and Ceremonials)

A SUGGESTED INTERPRETATION OF THESE DUTIES

(1) "to conduct the devotional exercises or ceremonies of the Camp"

(a) It is suggested that the proper approach to such conduction would be the memorizing of your various parts and positions in the Ritual, not only in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, but in the Initiatory Degrees and the Burial and Memorial Services.

(b) It is further suggested, in order to make your words more effective, that you study your various parts, with the attention of assimilating every section of their meanings.

(2) "to offer comfort and consolation to the afflicted"

(a) It is suggested that the ill, the bereaved, and the poverty-stricken are the especial charges of our Chaplain -- that he should seek to follow in the footsteps of his Master, who said: "Come unto me, all yewho are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest!"

(b) Visitations, advice, and every other effort to help, are the clear duties of the Chaplain.

(3) "to officiate at funerals"

(a) This calls for the memorizing of your part in the Burial Service in the Ritual.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

Ernest G. Wells

Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL CAMP NO. 9
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Item #27

COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
(A Copy Of This Should Be Given To All Committeemen)

E N T E R T A I N M E N T C O M M I T T E E

CHAIRMAN GEORGE E. GREENWOOD
59 Irving Way, Nahant, Mass.

The names and addresses of the members of your Committee are as follows:

William G. Packard, J.V.C., 19 Concord Sq., Boston, Mass.
~~James K. Cheney, Sec'y., 105 Marcella St., Roxbury, Mass.~~
Leon R. Searles, Chap., 124 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.
Vernard L. Gordon, P.I., 2817 Washington St., Roxbury, Mass.

The duty of the Entertainment Committee is to provide entertainment for the social activities and public events of the Camp.

A Suggested Interpretation Of This Duty

(1) To contact all stage and vaudeville performers who may wish an unpaid (or little paid) try-out.
(a) Source material in the different amateur contests at movie theatres.
(b) The different and numerous W.P.A. Community Theatres and Little Theatre Groups that would only be too glad to get an audience.
(2) Contact different companies that have motion picture advertisements they wish to show free to groups.
(a) Edison Electric and other Public Utilities -- the different travel agencies, Chambers of Commerce -- and the United Fruit Lines.
(3) Instigate and organize the presentation of our own Camp and Auxiliary talent.
(a) There are several of our Brothers and Sisters capable of some form of entertainment (instrumental music, recitations, readings, character skits, playlets, speeches, etc.).
(4) It is further suggested that this Committee arrange, from time to time, programs for the purpose of raising revenue for the Camp.
(5) An additional opportunity for the functioning of this Committee would be the organization of a Dance.

This Committee can do a great deal toward making our Camp activities more interesting to our members -- inspiring greater attendance among our chronically absent members -- and presenting an inviting prospect to all eligibles for membership.

The Committee is urged to hold meetings as frequently as possible. Whenever possible (which will be often), your Commander offers the use of his home for such meetings.

It is the Chairman's duty to notify the members of his Committee, by post card, when and where h e wishes to call a meeting.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,
Ernest G. Wells
Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

CHARLES RUSSELL LOWELL CAMP NO. 9
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COMMANDER ERNEST G. WELLS

Item #28

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICERS

T O
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR VERNARD L. GORDON
2817 Washington St., Roxbury, Mass.

"The Patriotic Instructor.....shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by the official blank forms, or directed by the Commander." (Chapter I, Article V, Section 6, Constitution & Regulations)

"As Patriotic Instructor you have been selected to fill one of the most important offices connected with the Order of Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In addition to your instructing candidates in their patriotic duties as citizens, you are expected, under the direction of your Camp Commander, to have charge of and conduct patriotic exercises and programs for the Camp, more especially under the "Good of the Order". The usefulness, prosperity, growth and attractiveness of your Camp, will depend largely upon the activity and enthusiasm which you display in the discharge of your duties. You are further required to file a report upon blanks prepared for the purpose, to the Department Patriotic Instructor." (Page 34, Ritual and Ceremonials)

"2. The Officers should make themselves fully familiary with all the details of this Ritual. They should commit to memory all of their respective parts, as the use of this book during the services makes the ceremonies less impressive.
"3. At all stated or special meetings the Officers will wear the Regulation Badge of the Order." (Page 3, Ritual)

Your duties as Patriotic Instructor coincide, to a large degree, with that of your duties as Chairman of the Americanization Committee. One difference is that, on the Committee, you have a number of Brothers to help you with the work.

It is suggested that, to properly fulfill your functions as Patriotic Instructor, you "conduct patriotic exercises and programs for the Camp". (Page 34, Ritual)

The reports to be submitted to the Department Patriotic Instructor are of the greatest importance in our relationship to our Department. It is to be hoped that they will be promptly and completely filled out and sent in --- after conferring with the Commander, Secretary, and such other officers and members as may be necessary.

Cordially in F. C. & L.,

Ernest G. Wells
Commander

7 Norfolk St., Roxbury, Mass.

Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, No. 17, Brockton.

This Camp has emphasized the matter of publicity, as shown by the annexed clippings, containing items about their activities. From these it will be seen that the Camp has used the press to get new members, has conducted a celebration of its 49th anniversary, organized a uniformed color guard, and had active meetings.

COLOR LINE UNIT.

The color line unit of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., met Friday night at the home of Chairman George Davis and completed plans for the observance of Memorial Sunday and Memorial day when the unit made its initial appearance in its new uniforms.

George Davis was named color sergeant and William Haskell and Arthur White designated a committee to draw up a set of by-laws. A communication was received from Bridgewater camp to assist it on the afternoon of the holiday and favorable action was taken.

It was voted to hold meetings at least once a month, the chairman to decide on the meeting date. Following the parade and services Sunday, the members visited Commander Winsor and Comrade Howard of Fletcher Webster Post, G. A. R., for the purpose of exhibiting their new uniforms, after which the unit adjourned to a Campello inn where the members had supper as the guests of Comrade Howard.

Heading the unit are the following: George Davis and Kenneth White, color guards; William Haskell, national color bearer; Floyd Anderson, State color bearer, and Elliot Tribou, Union Jack.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

District Commander Millard Brown of New Bedford spoke on matters of interest to the members and the organization Monday night at the meeting of Capt. R B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., when remarks were made relative to the midyear convention at Melrose in the fall by District Commander George Davis of this city.

Commander Frank Sandland, who presided, spoke on the regional New England conference of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held at Lake Winnipesaukee on Sunday and announced that the first meeting in August will be omitted, the next regular session occurring on Aug. 26.

It was voted to send a delegation to the annual outing of the Zippers, the auxiliary unit to the Ancient Order of Buttons, at Onset next Saturday. A special bus will leave this city at 12:30 P. M. for the delegates, departure being made from G. A. R. Memorial Hall on East Elm street. Bathing, boating and sports will make up the programme.

A progressive report was submitted by George Davis relative to the carnival to be held in the near future.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

Tribute to the memory of the late Charles F. King, clerk of Brockton District court, long a friend of the organization, who died Monday after an illness of six months, was paid by members of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., at their meeting Monday night in G. A. R. Memorial Hall.

Commander Frank A. Sandland conducted the session. Commander William Winsor of Fletcher Webster Post, G. A. R., was reported ill with a cold as was Mrs. Arthur White of Clara Snow Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans. A special guest was Albert Loveday who noted his 63d birthday anniversary. One new member, Howard Richardson, was admitted, the obligation ceremony being conducted by Commander Sandland.

Progressive reports were submitted by Patriotic Instructor George H. Beckman on the proposed Lincoln-Washington anniversary observance to be held in conjunction with the next camp meeting, Feb. 12. The committee in charge is headed by Mrs. Edith Thompson of Auxiliary 17 and includes Mrs. Rose Lendh, Mrs. Myrtle Sherman, Commander Sandland, George Beckman and Henry Chamberlain.

There will be a prominent speaker and a short programme of entertainment. Remarks also will be made by members of organizations allied with the G. A. R. and two representatives of each of the local veteran organizations.

Progress was reported on the 49th anniversary of the camp to be held Feb. 26. Chairman William Haskell requested members of allied orders requesting tickets for the supper on the occasion, to secure them as soon as possible.

Patriotic Instructor Beckman spoke on pensions vs. compensation with regard to veterans of all wars and the alleged unconcerned attitude of the public as to their welfare. Several members of the camp spoke on items of interest pertaining to the welfare of the organization and announcement was made of whist parties by the Color Line Club Thursday at 255 Belmont street and by the Bugle and Drum Corps on the following evening at the home of Lyman Reed, 25 Hereford street.

In order to start the Lincoln-Washington observance Feb. 12 at 8 o'clock, it was announced that the business meeting that evening would start at 7 o'clock, an hour earlier than usual.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

An invitation to attend the anniversary supper and entertainment of Auxiliary 17 next Tuesday evening at G. A. R. Memorial Hall, was accepted by members of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., at their meeting Monday night. Commander Frank Sandland presided.

Also accepted was the invitation of the Whitman Auxiliary for the camp and drum corps to assist in the observance of Flag day in that town June 9. The programme will include a flag drill, speaking and musical features.

Charles Lincoln and George Laird were reported ill and announcement was made that the mother and aunt of Joseph Sherman died recently. In respect to the memory of the latter two and for departed members of the order, the camp stood in silent tribute for one minute.

One application for membership accepted and a communication was read regarding exercises on board the frigate "Constitution," Sunday, June 30, at the Charlestown navy yard. Department officers and the department chorus will assist. A delegation from this city voted to attend.

There are several recruits from Camp 17 for the new cavalry unit being organized by the State department as a reserve unit to act with the national guard in an act of emergency.

Report was made by the graves registration officer of the annual visit to local and district burial grounds and of a recent visit to the Lincoln church. On Wednesday afternoon at 1:45, the members will travel by bus to the various cemeteries throughout the city and adjacent towns and decorate the graves of 810 G. A. R. veterans. On returning to G. A. R. Memorial Hall, they will be served supper by a committee headed by Mrs. Julia O'Brien, past president of Clara Snow Tent, D. of U. V.

The invitation to breakfast on Memorial day morning at Hancock Hall, Brockton Heights, was accepted and it was voted to send a donation to the committeee in charge.

Flag day will be noted jointly with the auxiliary at special exercises on Monday, June 10.

CAPT. R. B. GROVER CAMP.

Flag day exercises were conducted jointly with the auxiliary Monday night at a well attended meeting of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., held at G. A. R. Memorial Hall. Patriotic Instructor Henry Chamberlain, past commander, and Mrs. Edith Thompson, past president of the auxiliary, were in charge.

The programme, which opened with prayer by Chaplain George Beckman, continued with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, recitation of American creed and the singing of "America" by the audience. Next came a reading, "The American Flag," by Patriotic Instructor Mrs. Edith Thompson, after which the audience united in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Concluding the programme was an address by George R. Beckman and a reading by Mrs. Maude B. Warren on "Growth of Our Flag."

Guests attending included the following: Mrs. Nellie Nelson, president of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Susie Rodgers, president of the auxiliary to Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V.; Mrs. Maude B. Warren, national auxiliary secretary; Frank Sandland, commander of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V.; Mrs. Julia O'Brien, past president of Clara Snow Tent, D. of U. V.; John McGlone, district commander of the Sons of Union Veterans; Norman Simpson, commander of George Bates Post, A. L., East Bridgewater.

A resolution was adopted, sending the president of the United States the unanimous indorsement of the allied orders of the G. A. R. and advice that they are behind him 100 per cent in his stand on the condition of the country.

Plans were made for a delegation to attend the anniversary service on board the U. S. S. Constitution, June 30, at the Charlestown Navy Yard, commemorating the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg, sponsored by the State department of the Sons of Union Veterans and its auxiliary.

State Department Commander Col. Frederick G. Bauer will be the guest speaker. Thomas B. Thompson, chaplain of the U. S. Navy Yard, expressed a desire that all members attending have their badges or insignias for admittance, which will be inspected at the main gate.

Progress was reported by the committee arranging for the reception to be tendered Commander Sandland in recognition of his appointment as State junior vice-commander of the Sons of Union Veterans. The party will be held Monday evening, June 24, and will be preceded by a banquet served at 6:30 at G. A. R. Memorial Hall. A reception and entertainment will follow at 8 o'clock.

The committee in charge includes: George R. Beckman, chairman; Arthur White, treasurer; Henry Chamberlain, Francis Tinkham, Norman Simpson and George Davis, with Lieut. Michael A. Caffrey as master-of-ceremonies.

Proclamations regarding Flag day, June 14; Bunker Hill day, June 17, by Gov. Saltonstall were read and approved.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

A committee to arrange for the observance of the 48th anniversary was appointed at the meeting of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., held Friday evening in G. A. R. Memorial Hall. Special permission was granted by State Commander Frederick Gilbert Bauer to hold the meeting because of the fact that the regular date fell on Christmas day.

The committee for the anniversary celebration includes William Haskell, George Holmes, Kenneth White, Francis Tinkham, Girvin Anderson, Elmer Shaw, Elliott Tribou and Walter Snell. The occasion will be observed on Monday evening, Feb. 26.

The camp stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late William Healy, a charter member. Reported ill were Charles Lincoln, Linus Shaw and Albert Loveday.

A progressive report was made by the camp's color line, which is conducting a campaign for new uniforms. Announcement was made of the meeting of the Ancient Order of Buttons in G. A. R. Hall, Whitman, on Jan. 12, at which time an oyster stew supper will be served and plans made for the coming year.

An invitation from Fletcher Webster Woman's Relief Corps to attend its installation of officers in G. A. R. Memorial Hall on Jan. 12 was accepted. Remarks under the good of the order were made by Commander Frank A. Sandland, Patriotic Instructor George H. Beckman, Chaplain George Laird and Past Commander Girvin Anderson.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

Progressive reports on the new color line uniforms which will be worn for the first time on Memorial day, were made Monday evening at the meeting of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V. Junior Vice-Commander Walter Ryder presided in place of Commander Frank A. Sandland, who although indisposed, was present.

An invitation was accepted to attend the Normouth Neighborhood Association meeting Friday, March 29, at Rockland G. A. R. Hall and announcement was made that a delegation of members from Camp One of Lynn will visit the local organization in the near future.

Notice was given of the first meeting of the G. A. R. Memorial day committee April 3 at Grand Army Hall and selected to represent the camp were Commander Sandland, Senior Vice-Commander Floyd Anderson and the junior vice-commander.

Under auspices of the color line detail a rummage and cake sale will be held in May, the latter on May 16.

The members reaffirmed their stand taken at a previous meeting in indorsing two of the camp for State department posts, John McGlone for department councilor and Commander Sandland for department junior vice-commander.

CAMP PLANS ANNIVERSARY

Arrangements for the 49th anniversary celebration were furthered Monday night at the meeting of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., held at G. A. R. Memorial Hall with Commander Frank A. Sandland presiding.

William Haskell is general chairman of the committee in charge, and assisting him are Girvin Anderson, Kenneth White, George Holmes, Francis Tinkham, Elmer Shaw, Walter Snell, George Davis, Arthur White and Walter Ryder.

Serving on the various sub-committees are the following: Supper, Girvin Anderson, George Holmes and Kenneth White; entertainment, Walter Snell, Arthur White and Elmer Shaw; decorations, Walter Ryder, Francis Tinkham and Elliot Tribou; reception, all past commanders; waitresses, George Holmes; tickets, Arthur White; badges, Walter Ryder; speakers, Girvin Anderson; invited guests, William Haskell.

Invitations were accepted to attend the installation of officers of Sabina B. Frye Auxiliary, U. S. W. V., Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, at the War Memorial; also to the installation of officers of Clara Snow Tent, D. of U. V., Jan. 15, at G. A. R. Memorial Hall and the Normouth Association meeting on the same date at Maple Hall, Quincy.

Announcement was made of the Ancient Order of Buttons' monthly session Jan. 12 at Whitman G. A. R. Hall, and of the birthday social Jan. 16 of Auxiliary 17 at the local G. A. R. Hall.

The resignation of Elliot Tribou as a member of the welfare committee was accepted, and notice was given of the annual department of Massachusetts encampment April 9 and 10 in Boston.

Favorable action was taken on promoting a series of 10 whist socials, proceeds of which are to be used to provide uniforms for the color line of Camp 17. The first of these parties will be held Jan. 10 at the home of Mrs. Jane Davis, 300 Pleasant street.

Patriotic Instructor George H. Beckman, aided by Henry Chamberlain, Girvin Anderson and Commander Frank A. Sandland, will be in charge of the Lincoln-Washington birthday anniversary observance scheduled for Feb. 12.

GROVER CAMP OBSERVES 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING

(Oct. 26, 1940)

Two of Charter Members, State Department Officers, Representatives of Military and Patriotic Organizations Among Guests.

With two of the original charter members, Henry Chamberlain, first commander, and Harrison Higgins in attendance, Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, noted the 49th anniversary of its inception Monday evening with a colorful programme at G. A. R. Memorial Hall.

State department officers and large delegations representing the various military and patriotic organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, were special guests on the occasion.

The celebration opened at 6:30 with a chicken pie supper served under direction of Past Commander Girvin Anderson. Waitresses were in charge of Past President Mrs. Edith Thompson of the auxiliary and they included Mrs. Marjorie Bryant, Bertha Holmes, Gladys Burke, Kathryn Lutz, Esther Haskell, Viola Allen, Edna Davis, Velma Tillson, Eva Nelson, Bernice Boyd, Maud Oswell and Jane Davis. They were assisted by Benjamin Simpson, Edward Davidson, John McGlone and Annette Burke.

Unique and distinctive decorative schemes were in evidence both in the banquet hall and in the main auditorium, this work being accomplished by a committee consisting of Walter Ryder, Francis Tinkham, Elliott Tribou, Everett Fisher and Mrs. Edith Thompson.

Immediately following the banquet, greetings in behalf of the camp were brought by William Haskell, general chairman of the evening's programme, after which all united in the pledge of allegiance to the flag with Commander William G. Winsor of Fletcher Webster Post, G. A. R., as leader.

The address of welcome was given by Frank A. Sandland, commander of Grover Camp, after which Mayor Rowe was introduced and conveyed the greetings of the city to the organization and concluded his remarks with a fine tribute to the G. A. R., its surviving members and to their heirs, the Sons of Union Veterans.

Introduction of Commander William G. Winsor of Post 13, G. A. R., and Commander Burns of Attleboro Post, G. A. R., were next in order.

Lieut. Michael A. Caffrey of Battery E, 101st Field Artillery, M. N. G., who with Col. Frederick Bauer, State department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, the principal guest speakers, touched on the heritage of the S. of U. V. in carrying on the work of the G. A. R., the responsibility of the same and the need of co-operative work in patriotism and preparedness.

Col. Bauer's remarks were centered about the importance of the task assigned the Sons of Union Veterans in carrying on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, concluding with a brief outline of the programme being arranged for the annual encampment of the S. of U. V. April 8 to 10 inclusive at Hotel Bradford, Boston.

Among the Guests.

Honored guests were then presented and brought greetings of their respective organizations. They were as follows:

William L. Anderson of Boston, national president of Federation of Patriotic societies; Mrs. Maude B. Warren, national secretary, auxiliary to S. U. V.; Col. Frederic G. Bauer, Boston, department commander, S. of U. V.; Miss Viola Brunett, Abington, department secretary, auxiliary to S. of U. V.; Miss Isabel Prescott, department president, D. of U. V.; Mrs. R. May Guyot, department president, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Mabel C. Wilson, department president, Ladies of the G. A. R.; Thomas Crawford, chairman of trustees of G. A. R. Hall; Henry Chamberlain, first commander of Camp 17, S. of U. V.; Marshal Humphreys, Lieut. Michael A. Caffrey, Mrs. Nellie Nelson, president of W. R. C.; Mrs. Susie Rodgers, president of Auxiliary 17, S. of U. V.; Miss Jessie U. Ricker, president Tent 50, D. of U. V.; John Murphy, representing citizens of Brockton, and District Commander John J. McGlone of Sons of Union Veterans.

Following the speaking and introduction of guests, a programme of entertainment was presented, opening with selections by the Shoe City Entertainers, who favored with guitar numbers. A vocal number, "South of the Border," was rendered by Francis and Barbara Anderson, after which Ralph Wilbur sang "Oh Johnnie," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "God Bless America."

Individual and group toe tap numbers were furnished by the "Dancing Delaneys," Terry, Patty and Jerry. Walter Snell and Ray Cook favored with a mandolin and guitar duet, after which the master of ceremonies, George Laird, gave two vocal numbers, "Shine on Harvest Moon" and "The Man on the Flying Trapeze."

Prior to the final offering Edward Davidson, in female impersonations, the hit of the evening, Jerry Mason appeared in a monologue. Mrs. Stella Guimond was the accompanist for the entire programme.

Mrs. Charlotte White was awarded the mystery prize, after which the rest of the evening was devoted to dancing, which continued until midnight, with music by a local orchestra.

William Haskell, general chairman of the committee in charge, was assisted by Commander Frank A. Sandland, chairman; Arthur White, secretary-treasurer; Girvin Anderson, Kenneth White, George Holmes, Francis Tinkham, Elmer Shaw, Walter Snell, George Davis and Walter Ryder.

Sub-committees included: Reception, Past Commanders Thomas Crawford, Edward W. Jordan, William Lorch, Walter Snell, George Beckman, John McGlone, Girvin Anderson, Fred Whitten, William Haskell, Henry Chamberlain, Harrison Higgins, Leon Higgins and Lawrence Jones; tickets, Arthur White and Mrs. Charlotte White; badges, Walter Ryder; speakers, Girvin Anderson and invited guest, William Haskell.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

Further plans for the observance of Memorial day and services to be held on the preceding Sunday were made at a meeting of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V. C. W., Monday evening in G. A. R. Memorial Hall. Commander Frank A. Sandland presided.

The annual flagging of Civil war veterans' graves is to be done on May 24 and 25. Church services are to be held on Sunday morning, May 26, and also that evening. The evening services will be held at 7:15 in the Lincoln Congregational church. Additional details of the holiday observance are to be announced after the meeting of the joint committee of patriotic organizations Tuesday evening.

Accepted at the meeting was an invitation to attend a service on the frigate "Constitution" at the Charlesown navy yard on Sunday, June 30, celebrating the 77th anniversary of the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg. The S. of U. V. department chorus will participate in the service, which be open to the public.

An invitation to attend a meeting of the Normouth Neighborhood Association in G. A. R. Hall, New Bedford, on Tuesday, May 14, was accepted. Invitations were also accepted from the WPA administration, professional and service division, to visit local projects, and from Clara Snow Tent, D. of U. V., to attend a Mother's day programme in G. A. R. Memorial Hall on Monday, May 20.

Members stood in silent prayer for deceased members of the G. A. R., and a talk on "Mothers of Men" was given by Chaplain George R. Beckman. The proclamation of Gov. Saltonstall, designating Monday, May 20, at Lafayette day, was read by Secretary Lawrence Jones.

R. B. GROVER S. OF U. V. PLANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY COMPLETE

May 21, 1940

Will Reflag All Graves Next Friday and Saturday---Gravestones to Be Cleansed and Camp Will Have Part in Holiday Rites.

May 21, 1940

Plans have been completed by Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., for the observance of Memorial day. Cleansing of gravestones and markers of Civil war veterans and veterans of the war of 1812, numbering 810 in all, will be in charge of Chaplain George R. Beckman, graves registration officer.

Principal cemeteries of the city including Union, Melrose, Coweeset, (old and new), Ashland, St. Patrick's and Calvary, have been divided into sections for flagging and decorating of graves under supervision of section captains. In the latter group are Harrison Higgins, Frank Tinkham, George Davis, Elmer Shaw, Charles Lincoln, Benjamin Simpson, William Haskell, George Beckman and Lawrence Jones.

Smaller burial groups will be cared for by a committee of workers under Leo Hamilton. Flagging of graves will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25.

Camp members will assemble Sunday morning, May 26, at 10 o'clock at headquarters and serve as an honor escort to surviving comrades of Fletcher Webster Post, G. A. R., in the parade to services at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

In the evening at 6:30, they will reassemble for annual services at the Lincoln Congregational church, this service being especially for the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. The programme will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Thomas J. Bell, who will be assisted by the heads of the different organizations.

On Wednesday, May 29, a large delegation of members will leave headquarters by bus and private machines at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to decorate the graves of Civil war veterans and veterans of the war of 1812, returning to G. A. R. banquet hall where supper will be served by a committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of which Past President Mrs. Julia O'Brien is chairman. She will be assisted by volunteer workers from the tent.

All available members of the camp will assemble at 5:30 Thursday morning, May 30, and serve as escorts to the G. A. R. in their visits to exercises at the various cemeteries as well as to the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument in Perkins Park and the memorial boulder in Salisbury park.

Announcement was made that buses will leave from in front of G. A. R. Memorial Hall at 5.45 A. M. for services at Calvary, Ashland, Coweeset and Melrose cemeteries. Upon returning to the starting point, breakfast will be served at G. A. R. Memorial Hall by Aux. 17 members with Past Pres. Mrs. Jane Davis as chairman of the committee in charge. Veteran and patriotic units will assemble on Cary street for services at St. Patrick's and Calvary cemeteries.

The main parade will start at Legion Parkway and following a march through streets in the centre of the city will proceed to Union cemetery. Dinner will be served at headquarters by members of the Woman's Relief Corp.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, members of the camp will assist Camp 144 of Bridgewater with its memorial services. Commander Frank A. Sandland, Senior Vice-Commander Floyd Anderson and Junior Vice-Commander Walter Ryder constitute the Memorial day committee in charge of all festivities.

Rev. Melville Osborne of the Franklin M. E. church and Rev. Thomas J. Bell of the Lincoln Congregational church will assist with the morning services.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

The regular meeting of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., was held Monday evening in G. A. R. Memorial Hall, with Commander Frank Sandland presiding.

Silent prayers were offered in memory of the late commander-in-chief, Ernest Homan, Commander Herbert Randolph and Mrs. Linus H. Shaw.

One new member was admitted. Invitations were accepted to attend the annual outing of the Plymouth County Associates, S. of U. V., and auxiliaries to be held Saturday from 11 to 4 on the grounds of G. A. R. Memorial Association in Plymouth. The camp also will attend a boilerbake of the drum corps at the West Side Improvement Association Hall Friday, July 19, followed by entertainment and dancing. George Davis, Edward Davidson, Lawrence Jones, John McGlone, Kenneth White were appointed to look into the possibilities of holding a carnival in September. Commander Sandland was invited to attend an installation of State officers of V. F. W. at Hotel Somerset, Boston, on July 13.

S. OF U. V. INSPECTED.

Impressed by the manner in which the various officers executed the duties assigned them and the excellent way in which the unit as a whole conducted itself, Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., was given a marking of 95 per cent. at the annual inspection Monday night at G. A. R. Memorial Hall with District Commander Arthur Badger as the inspecting officer.

The camp went on record as unanimously indorsing the action of Brockton Post, V. F. W., in regard to the proposed U. S. veterans' hospital locating here and a committee including Leon Higgins, Norman Simpson and Henry Chamberlain was appointed to assist veterans' organizations of the city and civic groups in having the institution in Brockton.

Due to ill health, George R. Beckman, a past commander, resigned his post as patriotic instructor and Past Commander Henry Chamberlain was appointed to fill the unexpired term. George Holmes was named to fill an existing vacancy as outside guard and both he and the new patriotic instructor were installed by Past State Commander Thomas Crawford of this city.

The indorsement of District Commander John P. McGlone's candidacy for the office of State junior-vice-commander was given by the camp. He is a member of the local unit and a past commander.

Invitations were accepted to attend the class initiation of Auxiliary 17 on March 19, the affair to open at 6:30 with a supper served in the banquet hall; also the anniversary celebration of Auxiliary 144, Bridgewater, March 21 at I. O. O. F. Hall in that town.

One application for membership was acknowledged and a candidate initiated. The relief committee reported H. V. Smith ill and Walter Hollis convalescing; also the parents of Leo Hamilton of Wall street and Mrs. Elizabeth McGlone, mother of John McGlone.

Initial plans were made for the observance of Memorial day and section captains for flagging and decorating graves in local cemeteries were appointed as follows: Section one, Harry Higgins; two, Charles Lincoln; three, William Haskell; four, Elmer Shaw; five, Lawrence Jones; six, Benjamin Simpson; seven, George Beckman; eight, Francis Tinkham.

Preliminary arrangements were discussed on a supper and testimonial for the G. A. R. veterans at some date in the near future and a committee comprising Lawrence Jones, John McGlone, Kenneth White, Girvin Anderson, George Davis and Arthur White was named to arrange details for the affair.

A social hour with refreshments served by the social committee was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

R. B. GROVER CAMP.

April 22

Visitors from Lynn and Saugus Camps, headed by District Commander Ernest Crow of the former city, were guests of Capt. R. B. Grover Camp, S. of U. V., Monday night at a business meeting held at G. A. R. Memorial Hall with Commander Frank A. Sandland presiding.

Invitations were accepted to attend the dedication of Davis square in Montello next Sunday afternoon and to participate in the Braintree tercentenary celebration, May 5. Under auspices of the welfare committee and the color line detail, a dance will be held Friday evening at Chamber of Commerce Hall.

Assisted by members of Clara Snow Tent, D. of U. V., a rummage sale will be held by the color line squad Friday and in the evening supper will be enjoyed at the Messiah Baptist church.

Section captains for Memorial day are to meet next Monday evening and complete plans for the flagging of graves of deceased members. Benjamin Simpson was reported sick and District Commander John McGlone as improving.

A committee, including George Beckman, Henry Chamberlain, Norman Simpson, Francis Tinkham and Arthur White, was designated to arrange for a reception to Commander Sandland, who only recently was honored with appointment as State junior vice-department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans. No date was set for the party.

The resignation of George Laird as chaplain was accepted and Past Commander Beckman was installed into that office to complete the unexpired term by Past Commander Henry Chamberlain.

Remarks were made by Junior Vice-Commander Chamberlain of Lynn, the district commander, and Past State Commander Thomas Crawford. District Commander John McGlone of this city also spoke.

Supper was served in the banquet hall by the color line of Camp 17, comprising George Davis, Elliot Tribou, Floyd Anderson, Kenneth White and William Haskell. A social hour followed.

Voice of the People

This column is for Enterprise readers to express their opinions on the questions of the day. Please be brief. Write on only one side of the paper. Any objective point can be made clear in not more than 500-600 words. Writers must sign their names and addresses.

PLEA TO ELIGIBLES.

To the Editor of the Enterprise:

The veterans of that great struggle for union, the Civil war, are nearly all passed to their reward. Less than a corporal's guard is left. Those who sacrificed home, family and fortune to make this glorious country what it is to-day. We, their sons and grandsons, have banded together to carry on their great work. Now, as never before, are you needed to keep the work and ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic as they have made and kept them.

Our enemies are very, very strong and are working to destroy that which these old men gave their all for, our institutions, our homes, our country. Every son, every grandson has a great work to perform. We need members to do this. Are you willing to be one? If you believe in patriotism, love of country, love for our dear old flag, you will not hesitate one moment.

The Grand Army of the Republic is about gone from the scene. We have to fill their places and carry on. Join now with us in numbers and patriotism, and we will win out. If not, this land of ours will be governed by, God forbid, a class that will undo all that our sires fought and bled for. Every minute lost is strengthening these forces of evil. If we fail to respond to the call of our fathers, not a civil war, but a war of extermination confronts us.

We need many eligibles to strengthen our order, as well as finances to carry on. Will you help us in one or the other? If you read the papers, day by day, you will note the news—murder, arson, rapine, theft—everything that can be brought against clean, pure, decent living is being perpetrated. It can be reduced and in time abolished by concentrated action on our part. Think very seriously. Do not say "I can't," but say "I will help to crush out this rot and abomination." Join with us Sons of Union Veterans and help make our order one to be looked up to by all clean, loving American citizens and the world.

Our fathers suffered, bled and died and sacrificed their all for us and a clean, upright nation. Cannot we, their sons and grandsons, at least sacrifice a little? We have in our order clergymen, judges, lawyers, congressmen and senators, also many men of business, but, brothers, we need you. Look at the class we have to fight, communists, reds and others of that ilk. Are you going to let them govern this great land of ours? Now, sons and daughters of the veterans of 1861 to 1865, buckle on your belts and say: "Here is one more to help carry on." God is with us in this noble cause, and will help us carry through. Yours for love, truth and patriotism

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